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Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Court of Criminal Appeals Upholds Murder Conviction in Madison County

(MONTGOMERY) — Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction of Stephen Marc Stone, 41, for capital murder. Stone was convicted in Madison County Circuit Court on April 5, 2019, for the murder of his wife, Krista Stone, and his son, Zachary.

The evidence at trial showed that on February 24, 2013, Stone went to the Leeds Police Department and informed them that he wanted to turn himself in for killing his wife and son in Huntsville. Huntsville police officers were dispatched to Stone's residence where they found the bodies of his wife and son. They had been murdered and were found in the house just as Stone described to officers in Leeds. Both victims had been strangled and were lying in the bedroom next to a burning candle.

Madison County District Attorney Rob Broussard's office successfully prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict. Stone was sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility for parole for his crimes. Stone sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Stone's conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, January 29, 2021.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Saxon for her successful work on this case, and thanked District Attorney Rob Broussard and his staff for their valuable assistance in defending the murder convictions.

